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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2005, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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